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Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a), a district judge must modify or set aside any part of a contested order ruled on by a Magistrate Judge that is clearly erroneous or contrary to law. Although the court did not receive Reid's objection in time to rule on it before trial, in retrospect, Reid's concerns about proceeding to trial without counsel as scheduled on October 28, 2013 did not bear out. The court finds the case was fairly tried, notwithstanding Reid's representation of himself. Proceeding with the case as scheduled also did not preclude Reid from

presenting sufficient evidence to the jury, including live testimony by multiple inmate witnesses. The court is mindful of the fact that Reid filed his case more than two years ago and had continuances granted three previous times. With little more than a week left before trial, Reid effectuated the removal of his counsel and again asked for a continuance. The court finds the Magistrate Judge's ruling denying a continuance was not clearly erroneous or contrary to law, agrees with the ruling, and concludes Reid's objection should be overruled.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** that Reid's objection [Docket Item No. 172] is **OVERRULED**. The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this order to the plaintiff.

ENTER: November 13th, 2013.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE